THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (d) The norms for FDI in MSEs were changed in February, 2009. The present policy permits FDI in MSEs subject only to the sectoral equity caps, entry routes and other relevant sectoral regulations, as is applicable to other large industries.

However, for manufacturing items reserved for the MSE sector (presently 21 items), any industrial undertaking which is not an MSE, will require an industrial license under Industries Act. The issue of Industrial License will be subject to a few general conditions and the specific condition that the undertaking shall undertake to export a minimum of 50% of the new or additional annual production of the MSE reserved items to be achieved within a maximum period of three years. Such an undertaking would also require prior approval of the Government (FIPB) where foreign investment is more than 24% in the equity capital.

It is expected that with easier FDI guidelines, Micro and Small Enterprises will attract more FDI.

Rail projects in Andhra Pradesh *vis-à-vis* other States

1015. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of ongoing projects in Andhra Pradesh *vis-a-vis* other States, indicating the total cost of each such project;

(b) the justification for taking up less number of rail projects for Andhra Pradesh as compared to other States like Bihar and Tamil Nadu;

(c) the operating ratio, in terms of income generated for every 100 rupees spent, in respect of Southern Railways *vis-à-vis* South Central Railway; and

(d) if this operating ratio is more in the case of South-Central Railway, the reasons for taking relatively less projects in South-Central Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Total 286 number of new line, gauge conversion and doubling rail projects are in progress at a total cost of Rs. 105301.16 crore spread in all States including Andhra Pradesh. Total 15 number of new lines, 2 number of gauge conversions and 6 number of doubling projects are ongoing in Andhra Pradesh at a cost of Rs. 9075.42 crore. The details of ongoing projects in Andhra Pradesh with cost of each project is as under:—

Rs. in crore

Sl. No.	Rly	Project	Kms	Cost	Outlay (As per Budget 2009-10)
1	2	3	4	5	6
		New Line			
1.	SR	Attipattu-Puttur	88.3	446.87	45

1	2	3	4	5	6
2.	SCR	Cuddapah-Bangalore (Bangarapet)	255.4	1000.23	29
3.		Gadwal-Raichur	60	156.6	15
4.	SCR	Jaggayapet-Mallacheruvu	21.6	94.69	22.99
5.	SCR	Kakinada-Pithapuram	21.5	85.51	0.01
6.	SCR	Kotipalli-Narsapur	57.21	695	0.01
7.	SCR	Macherla-Nalgonda	92	243.17	0.1
8.	SCR	Manoharabad-Kotapalli	148.9	497.47	10
9.	SCR	Munirabad-Mehbubnagar	246	497.47	20
10.	SCR	Nandyal-Yerraguntla	126	429.49	51
11.	SCR	Obulavaripalle-Krishnapatnam	113	732.81	50
12.	SCR	Peddapally-Karimnagar-Nizamabad	177.49	517.63	15
13.	SWR	Rayadurg-Tumkur	213	1027.89	13.48
14.	SR	Tindivanam-Nagari	179.2	582.83	25
15.	SCR	Vishnupuram-Janapahar	11	54.57	10
		Gauge Conversion			
1.	SCR	Dharmavaram-Pakala	227	610.07	100
2.	ECOR	Naupada-Gunupur	90	168.88	14
		Doubling			
1.	SCR	Gooty-Renigunta-Patch doubling	151.04	515	120
2.	ECOR	Kottavalasa-Simhachalam North 4th line	16.69	94.73	32
3.	SCR	Raghvapuram-Mandamari (tripling)	24.47	92.3	10
4.	SCR	Raichur-Guntakal	81.1	221.93	55
5.	SCR	Samalkot-Kakinada	15.6	114.49	9.7
6.	ECOR	Vizianagram-Kottavalasa 3rd line	34.7	194.89	35

(b) to (d) Operating ratio of Southern Railway and South Central Railway is 126.06% and 77.23% respectively for year 2008-09. Projects are considered based on traffic requirements and various laid down criteria.

Execution of new lines projects in Tamil Nadu

1016. SHRI N. BALAGANGA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: